## **EXHIBIT 2-G**

## FINDING OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

(Sample - To Be Completed on Local Government Letterhead)

(Date)

(Name of HOME Program Officer)
Montana Department of Commerce
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Dear (Name of HOME Program Officer):

It is the finding of the (<u>name of local government completing ER</u>), that the following activities approved for funding under the Montana HOME Investment Partnerships Program are defined as categorically excluded under 24 CFR Part 58.35, and these activities are in compliance with environmental requirements of related federal authorities. The activities and statutory authority for exclusion are listed below:

List applicable activities, descriptions, and authority. For example:

- 1. Second Street Improvements -- Paving of previously graveled road.
  - Authority Section 58.35(a)(1)(ii): improvements replace or upgrade existing facilities.
- 2. Local Residential Rehabilitation Grant Program Rehabilitation of 20 owner-occupied, single-family homes.

Authority - Section 58.35(a)(4): Rehabilitation and improvements within the specified guidelines.

Compliance with the environmental requirements of other federal authorities is indicated on the attached Statutory Checklist. (*This sentence should be omitted for homebuyer assistance and TBRA projects.*)

Chief Elected Official (if different than the Env. Cert. Official